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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Natarajan et al.

Attorney Docket No.: CISC111/1075

Application No.: 09/342,742

Examiner: Dmitry Levitan

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Group: 2662

Title: TECHNIQUE FOR COLLECTING  
OPERATING INFORMATION FROM  
NETWORK ELEMENTS, AND FOR  
CONTROLLING NETWORK ELEMENT  
BEHAVIOR IN A FEEDBACK-BASED,  
ADPATIVE DATA NETWORK

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 22, 2003, for which the shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on January 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.